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REMARKS FILED WITH REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Commissioner:

Further to the Advisory Action mailed March 12, 2009, Applicants respectfully request entry of Applicants' Amendment and Response filed February 19, 2009 and Supplemental response filed February 27, 2009 to correct a typographical error in the "Remarks" section of the February 19, 2009 Amendment.

Enclosed herewith is a petition with fee authorization for a three-month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants have also provided further Remarks in this paper.

The Examiner has noted that the images of the photographs submitted with Applicants' February 17, 2009 response that are available to the Examiner are of poor quality. Applicants will gladly provide original photographs to the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants when the case is scheduled to be taken up again for continued examination so that Applicants can make arrangements to e-mail color photographs directly to the Examiner or send them by courier.

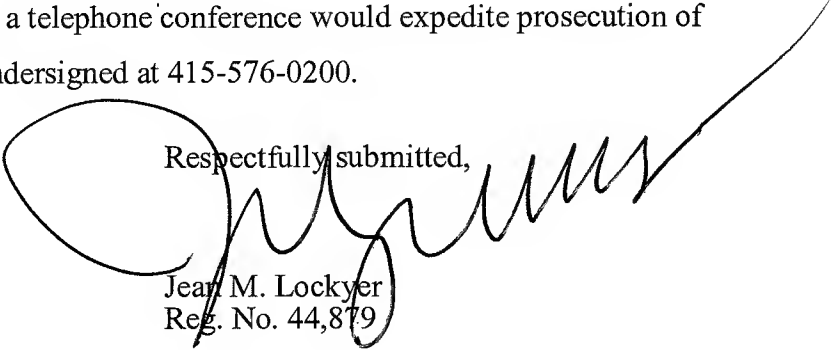
With regard to the Examiner's comments about Table 1 provided in the February 17, 2009 response, it is noted that the DMSO concentrations of the solutions that were lyophilized is presented in the Table. Should this issue also be raised in the next office action, Applicants respectfully request clarification of which samples the Examiner is referring to so that this can be more fully addressed.

Last, the Examiner has noted in the Advisory Action that the data presented by Applicants are obtained using water or buffer to reconstitute the lyophilized sample. The Examiner has indicated that Applicants have not shown that the same holds true for serum. However, serum does not contain a solvent such as DMSO and is also a water based solution. Therefore, one of skill could logically conclude that Applicants discovery would extend to serum as well.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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